

Family Activities for Thursday

On the Move

Family Photo Hide and Seek

Use family photos in this toddler-friendly game of hide and seek.

Materials:

- Family photos
- Tape, paper clips or clothes pins

Instructions:

1. Tape or clip family photos to areas around your home or outside
2. Have your child hunt for the photos, hide and seek style!

Adventures Online

Dress-Up Time

As a family it's always fun to dress-up and pretend. Dress up with your child and have pretend play.

You can also allow your child to virtually dress Elmo at:

<https://www.sesamestreet.org/games?id=304>

Be silly and have fun. Have your child tell you about his or her outfit and places he or she would like to go in her outfit and why.

Sensory Time

Time to Cook

Cooking as a family can be tons of fun! Pretend you are cooking a meal for the whole family!

Materials:

- Child safe pots, pans, and mixing spoons
- Torn scrap paper

Instructions:

1. Let your child help tear paper into strips/ pieces
2. Place the paper in the pots and pans, then show them how to "cook" the paper by stirring it
3. Talk about who is in your family that they are cooking for.

Story Time

How to Cheer up Dad

Follow along as Ms. Lynda reads about Little Jumbo learning about all the ways he can cheer up Dad. Through play and a little understanding, Little Jumbo learns that Dad's happiest when they spend time together.

Read Aloud:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rbGYYOEu82g>

Arts and Creativity

Bird Family

Create a bird family and nest.

Materials:

- Play dough or cotton balls
- Markers

- Brown paper bag
- Grass, sticks, leaves or ripped up paper.
- Glue

Instructions:

Talk to your child about your family. Where do you live? Who live with you?

Tell your child about bird families-they live in a nest.

Explain that birds build their nest from sticks, grass and paper, and create a nest with them.

1. Roll the top of the paper bag down to the bottom so that the shape is similar to the shape of a nest.
2. Go outside and look for leaves, sticks, or grasses for your nest. If you are unable to go outside, you and your child can rip up paper and add to your nest.
3. Now it's time to make the bird family. Roll the playdough into balls that are birds, and "fly" them into the nest. If you do not have play dough, you can use cotton balls, or paper that is crumpled into a small ball, draw two eyes and a beak and let you toddler "fly" the bird family into the nest.